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Title: Need to look into the demands of Group `C' and `D' employees of Government hospitals on strike in Delhi.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, for some days, about 16,000 Group C and Group D employees of various hospitals of the Government of India are on strike.

Many of the Government hospitals in Delhi are almost paralysed. The Group `C' and `D' staff have got some grievances which they have brought to the notice of the Government. They have been called once or twice for talks. But at this stage, since they have just gone on strike, they are not being called or not being consulted as to how the strike could be called off.

I think, some of their demands are very genuine. As far as very low salaried employees are concerned, their demands should be looked into immediately. I would suggest that the Government may take a very serious note of this. I urge upon the hon. Minister of State of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as also the hon. Prime Minister to intervene in this matter and see that the health services, as far as the hospitals are concerned, are properly conducted.

">SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS): Sir, I also support what Shri P.C. Thomas has said. The Government should react to this. Shri Khurana, you please intervene in this matter.

">SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (CANNANORE): Sir, the attitude of the hon. Minister of State of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is very indifferent towards the striking employees. That must also be taken into account.

श्री मदन लाल खुरानाः सेंटर या स्टेट?

">DR. ASIM BALA (NABADWIP): It is the same whether it is Delhi or Haryana. The Group `C' and `D' employees are on strike. But the Government is remaining silent. This is not good for the health of the country.

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श्री मदन लाल खुरानाः ऐसा नहीं है कि सरकार इस मामले में खामोश हो। दिल्लीवासियों की हालत पर सरकार चिंतित है। रोगियों का समुचित इलाज नहीं हो पा रहा है उससे चिंता होना स्वाभाविक है। मैं निश्चितरूप से अपने सहयोगी स्वास्थ्य मंत्री को कहूंगा कि वे इस मामले को देखें।... (

Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is not the concerned Minister. He will convey the feelings of the Members to the concerned Minister.